

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the election of species requirement. Search and Examination of both asserted species can be done without any additional burden on the Examiner and based on the same art.

The Office Action identified two species of claims, Species 1 containing claims 11, 12 and 14, and Species 2 containing claims 3-9, 13 and 15-22, and required election of one of the two species of claims. The Office Action admits claims 1, 2 and 7-10 are generic to both Species identified and will be examined.

The generic claims 1, 2 and 7-10 and the claims of Species 2, namely claims 3-9, 13 and 15-22, are elected with traverse, and without prejudice to pursue the claims of Species 2 in one or more divisional applications.

A petition and fee for a one month extension of time is included herewith. If this response is not considered timely filed in view of the petition and fee, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee that is not covered by the payment included here, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50/2762, Ref. No. C2027-7000US.

Respectfully submitted,
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